

**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Appl. No. 09/828,312
Amdt. Dated February 6, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of December 1, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 83020.0002
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2003. Claims 4, 6-23, 25-42, 24/4, 6-23, and 25-34 remain in this application. Claims 4, 6-23, 25-42, 24/4, 6-23, and 25-34 were indicated to be allowed. Claims 2, 3, 5, 24/2, 3 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 24 has been amended. Accordingly, all remaining claims were indicated to be allowed. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments. Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

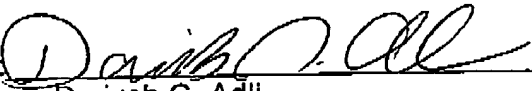
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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